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Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

**Whereas**, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Jim Hill lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Joann, during a solemn ceremony on May 5, 1957, in Tunica, Mississippi; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Jim and Joann Hill have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two children and their spouses, Timmy and Ginger Hill and Teresa and Willard McCain; and three grandchildren, Brianna McCain, Amber Hill, and Joshua McCain; and

Whereas, Jim Hill has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a farmer, a retired barber, a former Reynolds County Clerk, President of the Missouri Association of Counties and the Missouri County Clerks Association, and a member of the Town and Country Bank (formerly Dent County Bank) Board of Directors, Ellington First Baptist Church, the Barnesville Masonic Lodge, and the Reynolds County Democratic Committee, the Reynolds County Fair Board, where he sponsored the Stock Dog Show for twenty years; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Joann Hill further distinguished herself by being an employee of Production Credit Association for twenty-three years, Farmer's Home Administration for ten years, and the United States Department of Agriculture for five years, and a member of the Ellington First Baptist Church and the Red Hats Society; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Jim and Joann Hill have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Hill of Ellington will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 24, 2007, at Ellington First Baptist Church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jim and Joann Hill and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hill.

Offered by
Representative J.C. Kuessner
District No. 152
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No, adopted, 2007.
Rod Jetton, Speaker